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**Mueller, Eric**

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**From:** Punches, Derek  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 31, 2013 11:56 AM  
**To:** Mueller, Eric  
**Cc:** Bates, Katherine  
**Subject:** Assembly Companion Bills

Eric,

Could you please draft Assembly companions for LRB 0147, 0162, and 0167 to be introduced by Rep. Spiros? His staff, Katherine, is copied on this message if you have any questions. I believe she also needs to have the bills jacketed for introduction.

Best regards,  
Derek

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**Derek Punches**  
**Office of Senator Jerry Petrowski**  
**29th Senate District**  
**(608) 266-2502**



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AN ACT *to amend* 348.07 (2) (g), 348.07 (2) (gv) and 348.07 (4); and *to create*  
348.07 (2) (gr) of the statutes; **relating to:** the length of vehicles that may be  
operated on the highway without an overlength permit.

***Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau***

Under current law, no person may operate on a highway any single vehicle with an overall length in excess of 45 feet or any combination of two vehicles (vehicle combination) with an overall length in excess of 70 feet, unless a specific exception applies or the person has a permit to exceed these lengths. Prior to the enactment of 2011 Wisconsin Act 243, effective November 1, 2012, there was an exception to the general single vehicle length limit for each of the following:

1. A semitrailer operated as part of a vehicle combination if the semitrailer did not exceed 53 feet, its kingpin-to-axle length did not exceed 43 feet, and it was operated on a highway designated by the Department of Transportation (DOT) as a long truck route or operated for not more than 15 miles on a highway providing access to a long truck route or to certain services.

2. A semitrailer operated as part of a vehicle combination if the semitrailer did not exceed 53 feet, its kingpin-to-axle length did not exceed 43 feet, and it was operated on the state trunk highway system except those parts designated by DOT by rule as ineligible for this length limit.

2011 Wisconsin Act 243 expanded the exception identified as 2., above, to also apply to highways that are not state trunk highways and repealed the exception identified as 1., above.

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This bill recreates the exception identified as 1., above, effective retroactively to the effective date of 2011 Wisconsin Act 243.

For further information see the *state and local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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***The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:***

1           **SECTION 1.** 348.07 (2) (g) of the statutes is amended to read:

2           348.07 (2) (g) 48 feet for a semitrailer or trailer operated as part of a 2-vehicle  
3 combination, except as provided in par. (gr) or (gv).

4           **SECTION 2.** 348.07 (2) (gr) of the statutes is created to read:

5           348.07 (2) (gr) 53 feet for a semitrailer whose length from kingpin to axle does  
6 not exceed 43 feet and which is operated as part of a 2-vehicle combination on a  
7 highway designated under sub. (4). The length limits in this paragraph do not apply  
8 to a trailer or a semitrailer that is authorized to operate under par. (im).

9           **SECTION 3.** 348.07 (2) (gv) of the statutes is amended to read:

10          348.07 (2) (gv) 53 feet for a semitrailer whose length from kingpin to axle does  
11 not exceed 43 feet and which is operated as part of a 2-vehicle combination, except  
12 as provided in par. (gr) or sub. (4m). The length limits in this paragraph do not apply  
13 to a trailer or a semitrailer that is authorized to operate under par. (im).

14          **SECTION 4.** 348.07 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

15          348.07 (4) The secretary shall, by rule, designate the highways to which sub.  
16 (2) (f), (fm), ~~and (gm)~~, and (gr) and s. 348.08 (1) (e) apply. The designation of highways  
17 under this subsection may not be inconsistent with the designation of highways  
18 made by the U.S. secretary of transportation under P.L. 97-424, section 411. The  
19 secretary may also designate additional highways by rule. In adopting a rule  
20 designating other highways, which may include 2-lane highways, the secretary

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1 shall specify the factors which resulted in the determination to designate the  
2 highways. These factors shall include, but are not limited to, safety, economics,  
3 energy savings, industry productivity and competition. Vehicles to which sub. (2) (f),  
4 (fm), ~~and (gm), and (gr)~~ and s. 348.08 (1) (e) apply may also operate on highways not  
5 designated under this subsection for a distance of 15 miles or less in order to obtain  
6 access to a highway designated under this subsection or to reach fuel, food,  
7 maintenance, repair, rest, staging, terminal or vehicle assembly facilities or points  
8 of loading or unloading. The secretary may, by rule, designate an access route of more  
9 than 15 miles from a highway designated under this subsection when the longer  
10 route provides safer and better access to a location which is within the 15-mile limit.  
11 Household goods carriers may operate between highways designated under this  
12 subsection and points of loading and unloading.

**SECTION 5. Initial applicability.**

14 (1) This act first applies, retroactively, to vehicles operated on November 1,  
15 2012.

16 (END)